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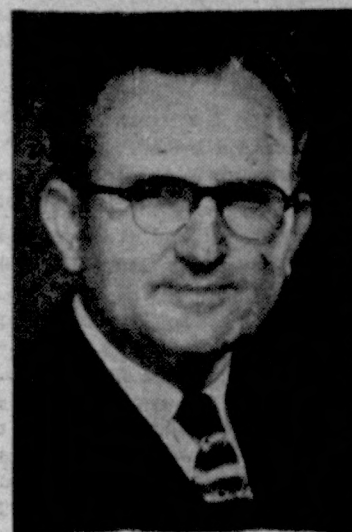
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Charles McKay To Speak



DR. CHARLES L. MCKAY
Dr. Charles L. McKay, of Nashville, secretary of evangelism and enlistment for the Southern Baptist Convention, will be one of the speakers when the State Evangelistic Conference meets in Jackson Jan. 27-29.

Southern Baptists At Kadesh-Barnea In Stewardship

By W. R. ROBERTS
State Chairman For Christian Stewardship Week

Southern Baptists have made remarkable progress. In every area there has been advance: in teaching and training, in evangelism, in education and benevolence, in missions and in stewardship. But with all this progress we realize that we have only touched "the hem of the garment."

We need to make still further advance in all fields. But the most urgent need for advance today is in stewardship. How else shall we answer the calls of need in home mission and foreign mission fields? How else shall we meet the pressing needs in Christian education, hospitals, children's homes and state missions? The average per capita gift among Southern Baptists amounts to less than ten cents per week for missionary and benevolent causes, and less than sixty cents per week for all causes. There is room for improvement.

See These Needs

Older Christians need training in stewardship. Our evangelistic success makes it imperative that we develop these new Christians in stewardship. We have reached the point where we must make advance in stewardship or we shall go backward. God has brought us

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Earl Clark To Head Training Union Convention

W. Earl Clark, of Jackson, Training Union director of Parkway Church, and long active in church circles, was elected president of the Mississippi Baptist Training Union Convention at the closing session of the annual Convention Tuesday night at First Church here.

Other officials elected were: Rev. W. T. Douglas, pastor of First Church of Magnolia, vice-president; and Mrs. Powell Ogletree, member of Calvary Church, Greenwood, secretary.

A special feature of the closing session was the presentation to Auber J. Wilds of Oxford, retiring state Training Union secretary, of a book of letters from friends over the years at the hands of Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary.

The convention was brought to a climactic close Tuesday night with a consecration service conducted by Dr. T. L. Holcomb, of Nashville, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board.

He spoke vividly on the subject of "Extending the Gospel to all Men," calling upon his hearers for a "program of progress."

He stressed evangelism, Bible teaching, personal training and closed his message with an appeal to his hearers to dedicate their lives "for our day" which he termed a "day of destiny."

Kermit S. King, of Columbia, (Continued On Page Six)

Schools Of Stewardship Set For 28,289 Churches

Where Are The Five Million

J. P. EDMUNDS, secretary
DEPARTMENT OF SURVEY,
STATISTICS AND INFORMATION

In the last 20 years a total of 5,182,017 people have been baptized into our churches. Not only have their names been recorded on our church rolls, but the Lord has registered them in the Kingdom of God. What has happened to these five million people? In the eyes of God they are to be accounted for. Our net gain in membership during this period has been 3,539,811. Subtract this number from our total baptisms and there is a loss of 1,642,000. Where are these 1,642,000 people who were received into our churches? Based on an annual death rate for these 20 years, approximately 790,000 Southern Baptists have died. By subtracting this number from the 1,642,000 there are approximately 850,000 former church members who have been lost completely from our church rolls. In addition, we have another two million that are termed "non-resident members." It is no doubt true that many of the 850,000 who have been lost completely

from our rolls were at one time termed "non-resident" members, and later removed from our rolls. Can we not therefore conclude that our "non-resident" problem, as serious as it is, is the forerunner of a more serious one—namely, losing these members completely from our rolls?

Southern Baptists are late in coming to grips with the problem of conserving the results of evangelism. However, our laxity of yesterday does not excuse us from doing something today. Any method, any plan, any aid that will contribute to the solution of this problem should be vigorously promoted.

God Has Blessed SB Efforts

Southern Baptists are a growing people. We must not let our unrealized hopes, desires, and ambitions obscure the fact that God has greatly blessed our efforts. In a recent report released by the National Board of Christian Education (Continued On Page Two)

Great Program To Feature Conference

An outstanding program, featuring instruction and inspiration will be the feature of the annual State Evangelistic Conference to be held at the First Church in Jackson Jan. 27-29.

Attention is called to the fact that the conference will begin at 7:15 Tuesday evening and close at noon Thursday, according to Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, director of Evangelism.

Although everyone is cordially invited and welcome those especially urged to attend include:

Pastors, associate pastors, educational and music directors, members of evangelism church council, associational organizers and chairmen and all others directly related to evangelism.

The Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism will be explained and promoted. Practical demonstrations will be given and high spiritual hours are anticipated.

A large number of outstanding leaders both from Mississippi as well as over the south will appear on the program.

Nashville, Tenn.—(BP)—Every facility and agency of the Southern Baptist Convention will be focused on Christian Stewardship Week October 18-25, 1953. Dr. Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee told the Promotion Committee in its mid-December meeting.

Promotion of a School of Stewardship in every one of 28,289 churches in the Convention next October will mark the first time that all Southern Baptist efforts have been pitted toward a Convention-wide goal, with the exception of the simultaneous revival crusades which have been carried on the past two years. A goal of thirty-four million dollars has been set as an over-all mission target for 1954.

Planning for the stewardship advance will begin on the state level with the executive secretary of each state convention heading the effort. Heads of the state Sunday school department, Training Union department, brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union will carry the program to the association and to the church where a similar setup will go into action.

The Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board of the SBC is providing the books for study in the schools. Dr. J. E. Lambdin is secretary of this department. Classes for all ages, Junior through Adults will be set up on a graded basis.

Plans for a Convention-wide Promotion Conference were also laid to be held in Oklahoma City, March 18-19, 1953. Long range plans and promotion techniques will be considered at this session.

One new method of promoting (Continued On Page Two)

Leadership Meets Held This Week

The first week of the three annual weeks of Leadership Conferences and Brotherhood Rallies will be drawing to a close as this issue of The Baptist Record gets out over the state.

This week's tour began Monday at Port Gibson and will end Friday at McLain.

The second week will get under way Jan. 18 and the third week will begin Feb. 2.



New officers elected at the recent State Training Union Convention at the First Baptist Church in Jackson were (from left) W. Earl Clark, Jackson, president; Mrs. Powell Ogletree, Greenwood, secretary, and the Rev. W. T. Douglas, Magnolia, vice-president. (Photo by Kay Amburgey, courtesy Jackson Daily News.)

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Where Are The

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tional Council of Churches, it was reported that the membership of the 67 larger denominations in America increased 9.8 per cent since 1926, while Southern Baptists increased 98.8 per cent. Neither must we forget that during the past 20 years Southern Baptists baptized 5,182,017 persons, or an average of 259,101 per year, a record unequaled by any other denomination.

While our report on our 1952 baptisms is incomplete, with a few associations unreported, it appears now that our baptisms will be between 355,000 and 360,000. Seven states are showing gains over last year, while 16 states will probably report fewer baptisms than in 1951. Five states are showing a loss in baptisms for two consecutive years.

Growth in Country And City Churches Compared

This growth came from our country churches as well as from our city churches. From 1946-51 our church membership gain in our open country churches was 21.1 per cent and in the city churches, 21.2 per cent; our Sunday school enrollment gain in the open country was 49.3 per cent, and in the city churches 49.1 per cent; our Training Union enrollment gain in the open country, 93.5 per cent — in the city 93.7 per cent; our baptisms in the open country, a gain of 48.0 per cent — in the city churches 48.3 per cent; and our total gifts a gain of 93.2 per cent in the open country, and 93.4 per cent

in the city churches. This is an overall difference of only 1.3 per cent in favor of the city churches. That is to say that our open country churches, under capable leadership, respond equally as well to our program as any other type of church.

Young Churches are Evangelistic

While our growth has come from all types of churches, it has come mainly from our younger churches. A recent study reveals that the churches that were organized since 1940 of which we have more than 4,000 had a baptism to membership ratio of one baptism to 3.5 persons; that is, it took 8.5 persons to win one person; churches that were organized between 1930-40 had a ratio of one to 13.9; churches that were organized between 1920-30 had a ratio of one to 16.8; churches between 1910-20 a ratio of one to 19.2; and the churches organized between 1900-10, a ratio of one to 19.9. In other words, our Convention-wide ratio of one to 19.6 in 1951 was largely influenced by 22,000 churches that were organized prior to 1940, and which, as a group of churches, have a poor evangelistic record. Statistics bear out the fact that our younger churches are more evangelistic.

The above study also revealed that while these 4,000 churches represented only 7 per cent of our total membership, they had 11 per cent of our Sunday school enrollment; reported 16 per cent of our total baptisms; owned 9 per cent of our total church property; gave

9 per cent of our total gifts; and bear 20 per cent of our total church debt. Yet, these churches were matched against older and more established churches, with larger memberships, averaging 261 per church, as against 130 average membership in the younger churches.

Some Observations

Let me make three observations that statistics bring to light. First, churches reach a saturation point at certain times along the way. Many factors determine when and where this occurs. Church leadership, the type of building, and the over-all church program are perhaps the major determining factors. Many churches reach and go beyond this saturation point, but always as a result of strong leadership, improved buildings, and better programs. Our task as leaders is to keep ever before the churches an aggressive and progressive evangelistic program. Otherwise, many churches will relax at the saturation point.

The second observation is apparent in the above reference to the evangelistic record of our

younger churches. We have no basis to believe that this principle will change in future years. The record says that as the average church becomes older and larger it loses much of its evangelistic fervor. Will we not be wise, therefore, to encourage more of these churches to establish and foster missions, and thus reclaim some of their lost compassion.

Finally, conservation and preservation are twin programs in evangelism. We can best conserve our evangelistic results by preserving the established organizations within our churches, for they are evangelistic in spirit and purpose. To conserve our results we must preserve these organizations and develop them to their maximum capacities. Our evangelistic crusades, our organizations in a common effort, other special efforts serve to unify all our forces, our churches, and our organizations in a common effort toward a common objective. God stands ready to bless the church that keeps evangelism at the heart of its program, and uses its organizations to fulfill its purpose here on earth.

A SCHOOL OF STEWARDSHIP in EVERY CHURCH in the Southern Baptist Convention

OCTOBER 18-25, 1953

Schools Of

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the Stewardship School to be utilized during the year will be a series of six fifteen minute radio transcriptions, presenting in dramatic programs the call to liberal Christian giving, the Bible teachings on giving and the blessings of liberality.

These programs, distributed through the Baptist Radio Commission, will present typical life situations and show the way of Christian stewardship as the best way.

Southern Baptists

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to a mountain pass. We must go forward. We are at a Kadesh-Barnea. Faith will lead us to advance in our stewardship. The still small voice of God urges us to aggressive action. The love of Christ constrains us to go forward.

For several years Baptist leaders from the twenty-two states and from the Southern Baptist Convention agencies have felt this urgency. Together they have been studying this situation and praying that the Lord would lead us to some great and unusual advance in stewardship. They feel that the Lord has given leadership in response to this prayer and study, in the development of plans for Southern Baptist Advance in Stewardship, 1953, as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention. The central feature in this plan is:

A school of stewardship in every church, October 18-25, 1953.

Help Clarke Meet A MUST --- A New Dormitory for Men

"Clarke Meets A Need That Only Clarke Can Meet"

Clarke College is doing one of the worthiest pieces of work for the Kingdom of God that I know of anywhere. In order to continue and expand their service, they urgently need a dormitory for their men students. It can be provided only by special volunteer gifts. Those who love Christ and believe in Christian Education can make an unusual productive investment for good in our youth by helping to provide funds to build this dormitory.

WALTER L. MOORE, Pastor
First Baptist Church
Meridian, Mississippi

It is increasingly evident that Clarke College meets a distinct need in our Co-operative work for Christ. If it is to continue to meet this need, it must have a new men's dormitory to replace the one that has been condemned. Through our contributions toward this desperately needed building we can help "Clarke meet a need that only Clarke can meet."

W. LOWREY COMPERE
Former Chairman
Clarke College Trustees

This is not a complaint! The boys at Clarke College do very little complaining about the comfort of their dormitory. The administration is not complaining about the comfort but is concerned about the safety of our boys.

If we could convince ourselves that this structure is safe the bad living conditions there might be taken as just another sacrifice for the sake of a Christian education. We believe the building that currently houses our boys to be unsafe. We invite you to visit the campus, to inspect this building, compare it with the home in which you live, compare it with the dormitories of other schools of our state, judge for yourself, and then to join with us in whatever God leads.

THEO BRELAND
Dean of Men

MEMORIAL POSSIBILITIES

\$50,000—THE DOMITORY
\$ 5,000—THE LOBBY

\$2500—A SUITE
(a combination of 4 rooms)
\$ 500—A SINGLE ROOM

Remember Sabbath Day To Keep It Holy

Press dispatches state that on Sunday, January 4, President-Elect Eisenhower named several Justice Department officials to serve in his administration.

We also note that Mr. Eisenhower has selected a Presbyterian Church in Washington as his place of worship. We hope that upon his first appearance at this church the preacher will preach on the subject, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy."

Frankly we do not believe that time is so precious and that work is so pressing that it is necessary to use Sunday for secular affairs.

And God will not overlook such.

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Some Goals For 1953

1952 is gone; 1953 is here. Much was done in 1952 but much was also left undone. As we enter 1953 there is (and should be) a spirit of solemnity, comparable to the calm following a storm.

Mississippi Baptists had a good year in 1952, but we have not come near our maximum possibilities for God. Before us God has sent challenging opportunities and possibilities. Baptists are judged by the conduct of all and not by the faithful and consecrated ones. No chain is stronger than its weakest link. Weak, careless, indifferent, unenlisted, lazy and sinning Baptists can hinder the work of the Lord. They judge us all together and not each one individually.

If we are to make 1953 count, if we are to invest our best, there are some imperatives which must be given careful consideration.

May we suggest a few goals for 1953. There are many others, but these will serve as a starter.

1. Read much of God's word. Too often the Bible is used as a paper weight and not as spiritual food.

2. Establish a family altar. There are probably exceptions, but we have never known of a praying family breaking up. The de- finds it hard to make much head way in a family where there is a family altar.

3. Seek to win some unsaved person. We try to win people for other things. Why not for Christ? If every Mississippi Baptist would talk as much for Christ as he did for Stevenson or Eisenhower there would be a spiritual upheaval in Mississippi.

4. Seek to live, labor, and sacrifice that the world may be a better world because we live in it.

5. Be faithful to the church. By that we mean its services, to its work and all the things that it pro-

notes. The church is the bride of Christ and as such demands and needs our fullest loyalty.

6. Learn why we are Baptists. Learn what Baptists believe and then stand for what Baptists believe.

7. If not already a tither, start NOW. If you will once try it you will most likely keep it up. You will improve both spiritually and financially.

8. Be considerate of others. If others do not see eye to eye with us, let us not consider them as enemies, radicals or sinful. Remember that they might be right. No one person has all the wisdom. Let's look for the good and overlook the faults.

For you and for us may 1953 bring more glory to our God whom we love and try to serve.

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SBC Executive Committee Meets

Although the Baptist Record has carried rather full accounts of the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee in Nashville, we fear our readers may have missed some of the main points. For that reason we give below some highlights of this all-important meeting.

In the first place, we would call attention to the fact that the Executive Committee is made up of a great group of consecrated Christians. They represent all states and sections of our Convention. And they give much time to this work. Those coming from the outer edges of the Convention must spend at least a week away from home, and believe me, attending one of these conventions is no picnic. Various committees are meeting all during the day and many of them part of the night. Some adjourn at daylight.

Our Convention having grown so large, it is necessary that much of the detailed work and planning be done by this committee.

One duty of the committee is to outline the financial program of the Convention. While it is impossible to give every object as much money as they need or wish, it seems that they did a good job. In fact, we think that if any one object got all of the Convention funds, it would still find need for more.

It was a heartening fact that the finances of all institutions and organizations are in good shape. This is in contrast to a few years ago when everybody was in debt and seemed not to know which way to turn.

The Committee approved a budget for 1954 of \$8,750,000 of Co-operative Program funds to be dis-



tributed for current operating expenses and capital needs.

Any funds above \$8,750,000 and the Convention operating budget will be distributed to the Convention Advance Mission Program with the Home Mission Board receiving 25% and the Foreign Mission Board 75%.

All of the Committee was in agreement with the offer of the Home Mission Board to extend their church loan funds to meet the greatly expanded building program of Southern Baptist churches. There was some disagreement in the methods to be used, but Baptists will get together. They did this. The additional fund will be raised from four sources: (a) Annuities, (b) A special allocation of budget money beginning in 1952, (c) \$100,000 from the special Annie Armstrong offering to be taken next spring (the WMU has already allocated this amount), and (d) Large gifts from people interested in building mission projects.

There was a note of sadness cast over the Committee as they learned that Dr. T. L. Holcomb, for the past 18 years Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Sunday School Board will retire next June. He retires because of age. However, the Committee invited Dr. Holcomb to become a General Associate with the Board after his retirement. His status will be that of a department head and his main emphasis will be the promotion of the "Million More in '54" Sunday School Campaign.

All the meetings were efficient in their promotional plans. All Southern Baptist editors were invited to this meeting, as they are invited to all meetings of the Executive Committee. Most of them were there. We were present—and feel well repaid for the time and effort and expense that it took.

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Sunday, January 25 Is Bible Society Day

Sunday, January 25, has been designated by the Convention Board as American Bible Society Day.

That means that on Sunday, January 25, all Mississippi Baptist churches will be given an opportunity to make a contribution

to the work of the American Bible Society.

Of course, there will be some churches that will find it more convenient to take the offering on some other day. That is their privilege. But we do urge every church to take an offering for this worthwhile object. The wider the distribution of the Bible, the more people will know about God and his affairs, and the more they know the more they will do. Thousands have been won to Christ through the simple reading of the Word—without the aid of any human agency or human being.

Every church should have a part in this worthy work. We know of no organization that is more deserving of the united and generous support of Mississippi Baptists than the American Bible Society. It is equipped and experienced for doing a good job—that of publishing and distributing Bibles, Testaments and Gospels.

It is a missionary-non-profit organization. Supported by gifts, it aids in Bible translation, publishes the Scriptures without comment and distributes them without profit and usually below cost, for use in Mission work around the world.

Someone has suggested the following goal for churches:

County and village churches, \$10 to \$25.

Churches in small cities, \$25 to \$100.

Larger churches, \$100 to \$200.
Great city churches, \$200 to \$500 or more.

We urge every pastor, every Sunday school superintendent, every WMU president, every Brotherhood president, every Training Union president to see that his church takes an offering. Whether or not everyone gives, EVERYONE should be given an opportunity.

Offerings should be sent to the Baptist Convention Board, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi and marked for the "American Bible Society."

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**Inspiring
To Win The
Lost**


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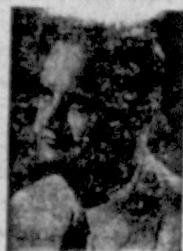
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 Director

The 1952 Mississippi Baptist Training Union Convention is now history but its influence will reach well into and even through the coming year's work.

The convention program under the general theme of "Witnessing" was a lasting tribute to the effective planning of Mr. Auber J. Wilds, retired state Training Union Secretary.

Special music for the convention was provided by the Ladies' Quartet of Magnolia Baptist Church and Mrs. James Fairchild of Louisville. Organists and pianist for the convention were Miss Hazel Chisholm, Mrs. Quitman Winter and Miss Betty Valentine. Congregational singing was under the direction of Rev. S. W. Valentine and Mr. Reid Moore.

Officers of the convention along with program personnel and winners in the various convention features are listed elsewhere in this issue of the Baptist Record.

The afternoon session was devoted to sectional meetings with Miss Louise Hill in charge of the Intermediate conference; Rev. W. G. Watson of Houston presiding at the Young People's meeting; Mr. Auber J. Wilds directing the Adult Section; Miss Lois Tyler having general supervision of the Juniors; and Mrs. Chester L. Quarles leading the Nursery, Beginner and Primary groups.

A feature of the Junior Section was the state Junior Memory Work and Sword Drill.

In addition to those who won special recognition, these Junior boys and girls also participated in the Memory Work and Sword Drill: Linda Joyce Nutt, Bethlehem Church, Scott Association; Albert Rolland Weaver, Darlove Church, Washington Association; Elna Pearson, Walnut Church, Riverside Association; Jewel Elise O'Neal, Immanuel Church, Warren Association; Barbara Ware,

Houston First, Chickasaw Association; Patricia Smith, Sandersville Church, Jones Association; Shirley Maxine Harrell, Leesburg Church, Rankin Association; Louise Waltman, Leesburg Church, Rankin Association; Bonnie Sue Gullledge, Pittsboro Church, Calhoun Association; Linda Lou Reeves, Montgomery Church, Lincoln Association; Margaret Woodall, Moak's Creek Church, Lincoln Association; Gloria Ann Lanoux, Yazoo City, First, Yazoo Association; Linda Russell, Yazoo City, First, Yazoo Association; Sue Mitchell, Linn Church, Sunflower Association; Faye Hall, Batesville Church, Panola Association; Ruth Brown, Ingomar Church, Union Association; Betty Siltman, Batesville, First, Panola Association; Nancy Cooper, Yazoo City First, Yazoo Association; Patsy Houston, Coldwater Church, Neshoba Association; Judy Nowlan, Decatur Church, Newton Association; Janette Sims, Decatur Church, Newton Association; Linda Lou Maralis, Liberty Church, Miss. Association; Beverly Tyler, Columbus First, Lowndes Association; Nancy Griffin, Columbus First, Lowndes Association; Dorothy Brock, Salem Church, Hinds Association; Lynne Everett, Tutwiler First, Tallahatchie; Mary Jane Dobbs, Union Chapel, Chickasaw; Gerald Smith, Ridgeland Church, Madison Association; Betty Lane, Mt. Vernon Church, Miss. Association; Martha Jean Moak, Montgomery Church, Lincoln Association; Carolyn Cooper, Yazoo City First, Yazoo Association; Jane Myrick, Kosciusko First, Attala Association; Lynda Barfield, Kosciusko First, Attala Association; Joe Lanoux, Yazoo City First, Yazoo Association.

One of the features of the Adult Sectional Conference was the presentation of human interest stories from the mission fields by two adults who became eligible to participate by virtue of their winning first place in the district conventions earlier in the year. Mr. Durwood McNeer of Kilmichael Church, Montgomery Association, and Mrs. A. Hardee of Sandersville Church, Jones Association, were the participants.

Beginner children other than the state winner in the story telling feature were Dotty Brownlee of Gulfport, Eva Carolyn Aultman of Holly Springs and Douglas Kellum of Tutwiler. Brenda Hinton of McLain Church, Greene Association, was second place winner.

Dimple Ann Wallace of Ruth won second place in the Primary Bible story group. Others who participated in this feature were David Harold Jones of Leesburg, Maggie Mitchell of Lynn, Garland Robertson of Seminary, Elaine McKay of Houston, Louella Farrar of Hazelhurst, Martha Ann Trotter of McLaurin, Mary K. Spinosa of Tutwiler First, Glenna M. Boling of Paul Truett Church, Jackson, Andra J. Prewitt of Adaton Church and Nikki Brewer of Oxford.

Carlton Vance To Lead In Goodyear Revival



REV. CARLTON VANCE

Shown above is Rev. Carlton Vance, a student of N. O. Seminary and pastor of Elm Grove Church, Shreveport, La., who will be the evangelist for the revival at the Goodyear Church, Picayune, January 11-16. Rev. William M. Clawson is pastor of the Goodyear Church.

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Bowdler Is Temporary Head Of Missions At N. O. Seminary

Dr. George A. Bowdler, Jr., will temporarily head the Department of Missions at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He will hold the place vacated by the sudden death of Dr. Arthur S. Gillespie Dec. 28.

Dr. Bowdler was born in Argentina of missionary parents (thirty three years there). He claims South Carolina as home, however.

He is a graduate of Furman University, and has the B. D. and Th. D. degrees from New Orleans Seminary. He was appointed to Guatemala in April 1952.

He is in New Orleans on emergency leave, his oldest son having been stricken with polio.

Broadmoor Church Organized Sunday

The Broadmoor Church was formally organized at largely attended services Sunday afternoon, the former Broadmoor Chapel being constituted into a regular church by vote of an ordaining council of pastors and deacons from other Jackson Baptist churches.

Rev. L. Gordon Sansing, who resigned as pastor at Crestwood Church in Jackson to accept the pastorate of the new church, was formally elected as pastor-moderator for the group.

Moderator of the ordaining council was Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of the mother church of the chapel, the First Baptist.

Henry Hederman, chairman of the Missions Committee of the First Church, represented the mother church in outlining the history of the chapel and expressing confidence in the growth and expansion of the new church. Response for Broadmoor was made by Ira Rackley.

Judge E. W. Stennett, chairman of the deacons of the mother church, expressed the intent of the First church to deed to the Broadmoor Church the eight lots at the site of the present church, a lot bought for a parsonage, and a large plot which was a site for a new building, all now held in the name of the mother church.

Pastor Sansing said the congregation had voted to consider all who united with the church up to and including February 1st as the charter members. From the First Church rolls, 221 members were transferred to the Broadmoor Church Sunday.

The Broadmoor church elected the following officers:

L. M. Williamson, Virgil Burt and Thomas Hill, trustees; Joe Steen clerk and George McClintock, treasurer.



REV. D. W. MOULDER

Shown above is Rev. D. W. Moulder standing behind the large birthday cake shaped like the Bible. It was presented by Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Bucklew.

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REV. DAN MOULDER CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

The relatives and friends met at Lorena Baptist Church, Smith County, Sunday, November 30th to celebrate Rev. Dan Moulder's 85th birthday, and fifty-six years as a minister of the Gospel. There were 34 churches represented.

Those making brief talks during the morning services were: Rev. Gunther Henderson, Rev. Oscar Bankston, Rev. Pat Musgrove, Rev. Benard Bucklew, Mrs. Chester Ates, Mrs. John Hughes, Mrs. Ed Layton, Miss Leona Upton, Mr. Cleave Fortenberry, Mrs. Cleave Fortenberry, Mr. Virgil Adcocks, Mr. Henry Hawkins, Mrs. Lara Bailey, Rev. G. O. Parker, Rev. Byron Mathes and Rev. Hardy Hawkins.

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LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES AND BROTHERHOOD RALLIES IN PROGRESS

The Leadership Conferences and Brotherhood Rallies are now in progress. Meetings have been held this week at Port Gibson, Liberty, Tylertown, Wiggins and McLain. The response of our people is most encouraging.

The remainder of our meetings are as follows: January 19, Hollandale; January 20, Yazoo City, First; January 21, Magee; January 22, Hickory; January 23, Philadelphia, First; February 2, Houston; February 3, Booneville, First; February 4, Oxford, First; February 5, Clarksdale, First; and February 6, Greenwood, Calvary.

We are counting on our Brotherhood leaders in these various areas to be with us for the day and night sessions but more particular-

ly for the night session which is designed specifically for men.

The program for the night meetings is as follows:

7:00 "Shall We Gather" and Sing Together

We Bow our Heads and Pray.

7:15 Who's Here

7:40 An Active Brotherhood in Every Church.

January 19-23 — James Sapp, Associate Secretary, Brotherhood Commission, Southern Baptist Convention, Memphis

February 2-6 — George Schroth, Brotherhood Commission, Southern Baptist Convention, Memphis.

8:05 "Let's All Stand and Sing".

8:10 Mississippi Baptist Program

—Chester L. Quarles.

8:35 Missions Measures Men.

January 19-22 — Sam C. Reeves.

February 2-6 — K. O. White.

9:00 Adjourn.

Hamilton Street Church Organized



On Sunday, Dec. 28, the Hamilton Street Chapel in Brookhaven officially became the Hamilton Street Baptist Church. The chapel has been a part of the long-range mission program of the First Church of Brookhaven. This is the second chapel in the last two years that has become an independent Church carrying on a full time program.

Six new deacons were ordained at the ordination and dedication service. They were Clyde Coker, E. C. Lambert, Ben Wactor, Byron En-trican, Benton Burt, and Paul Wilson. Rev. James Travis, pastor of Central Church, Rev. Lewis Rhodes, pastor of Mt. Moriah Church, Dr. A. A. Kitchings, professor of Greek at Mississippi College and pastor of Mission Hill Church, and Rev. Brooks H. Wester, pastor of First Church, Brookhaven, participated in the ordination service.

Hamilton Street Church has a membership of 297 and a Sunday school enrollment of over 200. A budget of \$8,000.00 has been adopted for 1953 by the new church with 10 per cent being designated for the Cooperative Program. The building was recently renovated and air conditioned. Rev. A. Marvin Sanders, director of City Missions, Brookhaven has been acting as pastor of the chapel, but has resigned to begin work at the new

Halbert Heights Church, which is one of the three new churches to be organized in Brookhaven, which will open on Sunday, January 4, 1953.

Construction is to begin in the next few days on another new church which will be named the Robertson Heights Church located on North Jackson Extension, and Southway Church which will be located on South Jackson Extension.

The Mission Program began on July 1, 1947 when Rev. A. Marvin Sanders was called as Director of City Missions. When the present buildings are completed and the work organized in the next few months, it will be the fifth new church built and organized in Brookhaven since the beginning of the program.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

January 12—Mrs. Parker Lamb, Lauderdale Associational WMU Superintendent; A. J. Huff, Greene Associational Training Union Director.

January 13 — Miss Jeanne Nelms, BSU Secretary, Perkinson Jr. College; Miss Willie Evelyn Ewell, staff, Woman's College.

January 14—Roy Duncan, Noxubee Associational Sunday School Superintendent; Mrs. J. F. Stanford, Noxubee Associational WMU Superintendent.

January 15—Rev. Roy Self, Scott Associational Missionary; Mrs. L. M. Douglas, Wayne Associational Training Union Director.

January 16—Mrs. Melvin Landrum, staff, Mississippi College; J. T. Grantham, Hinds Associational Brotherhood President.

January 17—Miss Frances Crenshaw, faculty, Blue Mountain College; E. A. Buckner, O'Fallon beha Associational Sunday School Superintendent.

January 18—WMU Focus Week; B. S. U. Summer Service Enlistment Day.

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Rev. Jewell Sanderson, a senior at Mississippi College, has a church in Union Association.

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S. C., the newly-elected state Training Union secretary, arrived for the convention and spoke at the evening service on "Witnessing for Christ."

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, of Jackson, State Baptist executive secretary, brought the morning session to a close with a message on "Missions in Mississippi."

Dr. Quarles, substituting for Dr. J. B. Lawrence, of Atlanta, who was forced to cancel his appearance because of illness, told the group of the "Why" of missions, the "Urgency" of missions, the "What" of missions and the "How" of missions.

Speaking further the noted leader told the audience that churches reach a saturation point and that evangelistic growth comes in the main from new churches.

Other speakers on the one-day program included Dr. J. E. Lambdin, of Nashville; Mrs. J. E. Lambdin and Rev. Charles Whitten, missionary to Argentina.

At the afternoon service the various tournaments were held, and the first placemen were announced as follows:

Adult Human interest missionary story — Durwood McNeer, Kill-michael.

Primary Bible story — Johnny Lou Wagner, Batesville.

Beginner Bible story — Diane Duck, Rolling Fork.

Nursery Bible story — Katherine Jane Speed, Salem Church, Collins.

Ten-year Junior memory drill — Billy Ann Bates, Leesburg Church, Rankin County.

Eleven-year Junior memory drill — Ronnie Wheeler, Sandersville.

Twelve-year Junior memory drill — Jo Does Payne, Coldwater Church, Neshoba County.

Presiding over the meeting was Rev. Earl Warford, pastor of West Corinth Baptist Church of Corinth, convention president, who also brought the president's message as one of the highlights of the morning hour.

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According to the 1952 minutes of the Chickasaw County Association the next meeting will be with the Van Vleet and Egypt churches on October 8 and 9.



H. B. YOUNGBLOOD

H. B. Youngblood, minister of education, Fifteenth Avenue, Meridian, is the president of the Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association that has its next meeting at Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, February 16-18, 1953.

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Rev. J. M. Moore of Dallas, Texas has accepted the pastorate of the Osborne Creek and Mount Olive churches near Baldwin. He assumed his duties on January 1.

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Pearlhaven Church Has
Student Night Program

Pearlhaven Church, Brookhaven observed Student Night at Christmas on Sunday night, Dec. 28.

The service resulted in five rededications and two, Harold Montgomery and Ralph Case, surrendered to preach.

"Christ Above All" was the theme of the service. Rev. Paul Z. Ball is the pastor.

The following young people from the church are in college:

Opal Burt, Wanda Lee Crow, Aubrey Price, Clovis McKissack, Willie Jean Thompson, Billy Justice, Maurice Smith, Philip Price, Aldace Hoff, Victor Day, Peggy Coghan, and Hazel Russell.

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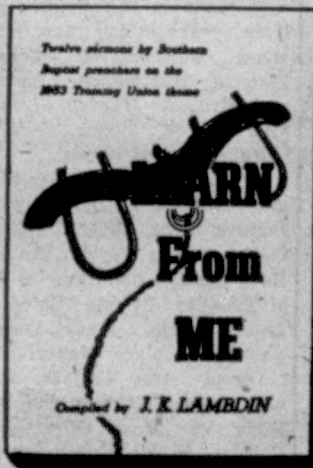
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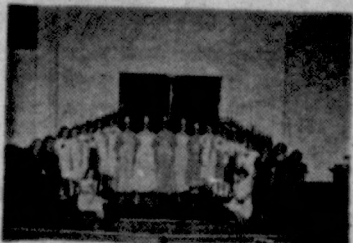
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AMORY FIRST HAS CORONATION



On a Wednesday night at Amory Baptist Church, members of Girls' Auxiliary received recognition for Steps completed in their organization. Twenty girls took part; among them were the following Queens: Mary Jean Brown, Kay Rogers, Peggy Barnett, Dot Flowers, and Julie Pickle.

Girls' Auxiliary Counselors are Mrs. O. W. Hadaway and Mrs. I. N. Roberts. These worked along with Mrs. Charles Lewis, W. M. U. President, and Mrs. John F. Measells, Young People's Director. Rev. John F. Measells is pastor.

TWO CORRECTIONS, PLEASE

State Mission Season of Prayer gifts listed in Record recently should have read:

Blackwater Baptist Church, Kemper County, \$36.50.
First Baptist Church, McComb, Pike County, \$819.50.

HIGHLAND SUNBEAMS FILL BANKS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS



Highland Baptist Church, Laurel, Miss., is justly proud of their 22 active Sunbeams, under the direction of Mrs. E. H. Jonson, Mrs. C. C. Thornell and Mrs. H. L. Pitts. Early preparations were made for the observance of the Christmas offering for Foreign Missions, for in October, following a study of Africa, each child made

HIGH GOAL SURPASSED BY WOMAN'S COLLEGE Y. W. A.

As a result of their prayerful interest in Missions, the Y. W. A. at Mississippi Woman's College, Hattiesburg, Miss., set a goal of \$500.00 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, in spite of the fact that only around \$70.00 had been given the year before.

Miss Jewell Hannah, Y. W. A. Counselor, and Miss Pat Pinson, Y. W. A. President, led out in carefully planned activities and programs which emphasized mission needs and possible responses. One outstanding event was the continuous chain of prayer observed by the students on Thursday of the Week of Prayer. From 7 a. m. to 7 p. m., the hands of the prayer clock progressed at fifteen-minute intervals, and a different student took her place at prayer.

The check which reached our office recently totaled \$655.42, evidence of a worthy goal surpassed through love and sacrifice.

Rich blessings abounded not only for world missions, but for all who shared in the giving. These words came from the Y. W. A. President: "To me it was one of the grandest experiences I've had in years. God was truly good to us."

drum in which they saved their money for missions.

At their first meeting in December, each child pinned his bank of money on a Christmas tree, offering a prayer for missions as he did so. After the tree was decorated with the banks, a Lottie Moon Christmas program was presented. When the banks were opened, all rejoiced to find \$18.91 as the love offering from the Sunbeams.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

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Jackson, Westview	196	177
Jackson, Van Winkle	512	235
Jackson, First	1476	535
Jackson, Parkway	1111	510
Jackson, Northside	655	194
Jackson, Crestwood	562	382
Jackson, Daniel Mem.	602	284
Jackson, Southside	347	196
Jackson, Robinson St.	135	62
Springfield (Scott Co.)	141	91
Hattiesburg, Main St.	868	274
Gulfport, First	844	252
Philadelphia, First	420	144
Houlka	109	41
Columbus, Southside	159	113
Union (Alcorn Co.)	70	58
Dela	35	36
Meridian, Highland	451	129
Chester (Choctaw Co.)	52	—
Meridian, Southside	366	171
Midway (Lauderdale Co.)	122	83
Hattiesburg, Temple	543	215
Bethlehem (Jones Co.)	116	80
Purvis, First	182	79
Glenfield (Union Co.)	103	84
Lucedale	363	163
Laurel, First	528	199
Yazoo City, First	514	159
Crystal Springs, First	677	189
West Laurel	386	42
West Laurel Mission	42	42
Laurel, Second Ave.	420	96
Moak's Creek (Lincoln Co.)	155	111
Cranfield	63	75
Foxworth	185	85
Pleasant Grove (Lincoln Co.)	128	83
McComb, Locust St.	110	79
McComb, Friendship	178	82
Union (Walthall Co.)	108	88
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	146	85
Harmony (Jones Co.)	157	85
Itta Bena, First	161	86
Petal-Harvey	344	150
Magee's Creek (Walthall Co.)	85	43
Brookhaven, First	747	318
Main	635	249
Southway	69	69
Halbert Height	43	—
Brookhaven, Hamilton St.	108	67
Fair River (Lincoln Co.)	87	55
Mt. Zion (Lincoln Co.)	115	57
Ruth	83	71
Darling	74	37
Friendship (Lincoln Co.)	71	51
Laurel, Highland	165	86
Enterprise	160	88
Newton	527	276
Morton	305	151
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	108	46
Kosciusko, First	643	246
Grenada, First	676	150
Calhoun City, First	302	124
Columbus, East End	177	93
Kosciusko, Second	181	116
Grenada, Emmanuel	186	96
Jackson, Calvary	1460	487
Main Church	1386	424
Chapel	74	63
Jackson, Highland	181	132
Beulah (Brownsville)	95	123
Kreole	90	56
Gillsburg (Amite Co.)	160	116
Holly Bluff	100	76
Pascagoula, First	827	285
First Church	676	236
McArthur Chapel	47	—
Jackson Ave. Chapel	68	28
Orange Grove Chapel	36	21

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According to the minutes of the Greene County Association, the next session will be held with the Pleasant Hill Church October 22. Douglas W. Daughdrill is moderator.

Hail And Farewell After 35 Years



Shown above is Auber J. Wilds and Mrs. Wilds standing beside his car just before leaving for Oxford, having turned over the BTU work to Kermit S. King. On top of the car is his bed, often used while in Jackson.

1952 SBC Cooperative Program \$974,626 Ahead Of Last Year

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—The Southern Baptist Convention's share of Cooperative Program receipts in 1952 reached \$9,076,047.82, an increase of \$974,626.19 over 1951, according to Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee.

Although the receipts lacked nearly a million dollars reaching the 10 million dollar goal for Southern Baptist Convention causes through the Cooperative Program, the gain did make possible a total of \$1,384,047.82 for the Advance Program of the mission boards, with 75 per cent going to the Foreign Mission Board and 25 per cent to the Home Mission Board.

The Foreign Mission Board received \$1,038,035.88 from Advance funds in 1952, an increase of \$136,614.25 over 1951. In 1951 the Foreign Mission Board received all of the Advance fund. The Home Mission Board shared in the Advance funds for the first time in 1952, and received \$346,011.94.

Total receipts for Southern Baptist Convention causes through the Cooperative Program and from designated funds reached \$13,923,025.73, a gain of \$1,772,389.64. The major share of the designated funds came as a result of the Lottie Moon and the Annie Armstrong offerings.

Forest Church Exceeds Lottie Moon Goal

The Forest Church W. M. U. exceeded its Lottie Moon Christmas offering goal of \$2,000 by raising \$1,918.10 and also has increased its Cooperative Program contributions substantially.

Mrs. H. E. Bishop was program chairman for the W. M. U. and Rev. J. F. Brantley is the pastor. Last year the church gave \$1,500 to the Cooperative Program, but gave \$935.50 the first quarter of this year.

A Sunday School class for unenlisted men of the town has been organized in the Town Theater with Mrs. W. H. Thompson teacher. Seventy-five are enrolled. L. W. Gatewood is the Sunday School superintendent.

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MRS. H. R. JONES

We are very fortunate in having Mrs. H. R. Jones, superintendent of Nursery work, of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., to direct these conferences for us at our three Mississippi Sunday School Conventions, at Tupelo, Meridian and Gulfport, Mar. 10-12.

Mrs. Jones is one of the best Nursery workers to be found anywhere, and we do want these workers in our state to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity right here close at home for these three days.

Plan now, Nursery workers, to attend the convention that is the most convenient for you. Do not miss it. It is too important.

CLASS HAS IMPORTANT MEETING

On Monday night, November 24, in the home of Mrs. A. L. Boehle, hostess, the Foundation Sunday School class, of Paul Truitt church in Rankin county, had its social and business meeting, with 18 present, with the president, Mrs. W. L. Maddox, presiding.

The theme was "Thanksgiving," and the teacher, Mrs. H. B. Speights, brought a very inspiring message on, "How Thankful Are We?"

The officers gave a good account of their work in reports, after which a delicious plate lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by the co-hostesses, Mrs. J. A. Madden and Mrs. W. F. Pace.

TRAINING AWARDS RECORDS

For November, 1952.

No. Awards for November, 2,014.

No. Awards to date, 2,999.

No. Churches, 153.

No. Associations, 53.

HIGH FIVE ASSOCIATIONS

1. Hinds, 245.
2. Lincoln, 209.
3. Attala, 196.
4. Jackson, 89.
5. Warren, 86.

HIGH FIVE CHURCHES

1. Parkway Jackson, 196.
2. Brookhaven First, 160.
3. Kosciusko First, 85 (tie).
4. Vicksburg First, 85 (tie).
5. Flora 71.

A GOOD BEGINNING

We are off to a good start in this new year in the training program. In the first two months we have had 53 associations and 153 churches reporting Sunday School training awards.

Let's keep up the good work. We cannot do better unless we know better. Building bigger and better schools depends in large measure on this important business of helping our people through a definite program of training. All of us need it all the time.

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Offering January 25

Rev. Taylor Wallace Enters Naval Chaplaincy

Rev. Taylor Wallace has resigned the pastorate of the Bethlehem Church in Scott County to go into the service of our country as a Navy Chaplain. He left Jan. 4 for Newport, R. I. for indoctrination. During the two years Mr. Wallace pastored Bethlehem and Ludlow churches each enjoyed many spiritual victories. Both churches went full time.

Bethlehem Church built a pastorium valued at \$6,000 and a brick veneer educational building valued in excess of \$14,000. The financial program has grown from a \$2,400 budget in 1950 to \$8,000 budget for 1953.

For the past year the church has averaged 140 in Sunday School and 116 in Training Union, which is a marked growth. A church council was set up, a WMU organized and plans for the Family Night program of the Brotherhood launched.

Our Readers Write

FROM A METHODIST PASTOR

There is an editorial in this weeks Baptist Record concerning the Revised Standard Version of the Bible I wish every Methodist would read. It is written in a fine Christian spirit, is based on incontrovertible facts, and is by far the best statement of its kind we have read. Please borrow your Baptist neighbors Record of January 1st and read this article and tell others about it. By so doing you will render a real service a better understanding of God's Word.

HE APPROVES EDITORIAL

Dear Editor:

Your editorial on the matter of the New Translation of the Bible in the current issue of the Baptist Record is a creditable piece of work. I had occasion to commend it to the attention of a lady out of the Orphanage last Saturday morning. I think the solar-plexus knock-out sock you delivered those who think they have found a mare's nest is your reference to the Baptist Bible of 1913.

It is my intention to read your editorial to the largest class in Christian Doctrine ever enrolled in Mississippi College.

L. BRACEY CAMPBELL.

ANOTHER APPROVAL

Dr. A. L. Goodrich
Jackson, Mississippi

I would like to express my appreciation for the editorial in last week's Record concerning the RSV. It was very timely. Probably it was elsewhere as here, that many people were "just wondering" about the new translation. A number of people have mentioned it to me, and in so doing referred to something they had heard on the radio or elsewhere. I believe your editorial will be of great benefit to many sincere people. I made mention of it in both of our services yesterday and urged our people to read it, if they had not done so already.

C. L. BOLAN
Silver Creek

OUR READERS WRITE

Flavigny, France
December 14, 1952.Plymouth Baptist Church
Columbus, Miss.

Dear Fellow Members:

Today, Sunday, I received my first edition of the Baptist Record. I was so hungry for news of home and after reading, felt warm and comfortable. 'Twas like being at most back in my church among my own people, whom I miss more than any of you will ever know.

I think of Plymouth members with true fondness and remember them as people who stick together in time of each others needs, and wish I were again a part of this fine Christian spirit.

I do not know who was responsible for this wonderful contribution, but I am so grateful for the kind thought, and have the very knowledge that you will please remember me in your prayers.

For each and every one I say, "May God bless you always."

M-SGT. CHARLES W. STANFORD

"Scripture For the Day" Selected At Hospital



Rev. J. B. Parker, chaplain at the Baptist Hospital in Jackson, points to the "Scripture for the Day" at the hospital as Miss Burnita West, information attendant, looks on. A specific passage for each day is selected by the chaplain and it is read by scores. In November 1,212 patients were admitted to the hospital of which 1,061 were white, 150 were Negro and one was a Mongolian. Fifty-six of the 82 counties in the state were represented by the patients, as well as nine from out of the state.

Roblin Resigns Rienzi Accepts Priceville

Rev. Frank Roblin, pastor of the Rienzi Church in Alcorn County Association, for the past two years, has resigned to become pastor of the Priceville Church, East Tupelo.

During the ministry of Mr. Roblin and family with the Rienzi Church much progress was made in all lines of work. In the Sunday School a Cradle Roll and new adult class was organized and the enrollment climbed to 197. The Training Union flourished reaching a high attendance of 120. The Woman's Missionary Union doubled in enrollment. There were 34 additions to the church. Mrs. Roblin served the church efficiently as music director; organizing and leading a youth choir of 30 voices.

Repairs and improvements were made to both parsonage and the church; butane heat was installed in the church and new hymn books were purchased.

In addition to his pastoral duties Mr. Roblin was vice moderator of the Alcorn Association and vice moderator of the North East Mississippi Baptist Pastor's Conference. He studied at Toronto Baptist Seminary and Toronto Bible College, and holds a Bachelor of Divinity degree.

Friendship Church No. 2 Goes Full Time

Friendship Church No. 2 in Talahatchie county has voted to go full time with Rev. Warren O. Langworth, senior at Mississippi College, as pastor.

Although organized in 1912, this is the first time in the history of the church that it has had a full time program.

The church building was recently redecorated inside and additional gas heaters installed.

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Beulah Church in Hinds County recently closed a revival meeting which resulted in 40 decisions—19 by baptism. Rev. Charles Williams is the pastor and Rev. H. J. Bennett, pastor of the Byram Church, was the evangelist.

Dr. Arthur Samuel Gillespie, Southern Baptist missionary of the China staff, died unexpectedly of a heart attack in the early morning of December 28 at New Orleans where he had been serving as professor of missions at the Baptist Theological Seminary for the past three years.

Among the recent visitors to the Baptist Building were: Rev. Thomas E. Lee, Newton; Dr. O. P. Moore, Newton; Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Hammett and daughters, Yazoo City; Mrs. Earl C. Edwards, Tutwiler; Mary Catherine Spinoso, Tutwiler; Mrs. Vince Spinoso, Tutwiler; Mrs. J. W. Kellum, Tutwiler; Douglas Kellum, Tutwiler; Mrs. John M. Evans, McLaurin; Mrs. T. A. Trotter, Patty and Ann, McLaurin; Lewis E. Lott, Jr., Dixie; Rev. Percy Magee, Tyler-ton; Miss Katherine Irwin, Hattiesburg; Rev. J. D. Walker, Normangee, Texas; Rev. J. G. Flynt, Perkinston; Jewell Sanderson, Clinton; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hall, Oxford; S. F. Marsh, Leland; Mrs. L. T. Winter, Port Arthur, Texas; Mrs. J. W. Burton, Yazoo City; Jimmy Stout, Poplarville; Nev. Herrington, Clinton; Paul Sutton, New Hebron; Thomas M. Mahoney, Okolona; Mrs. Ruby Dobbs, Shannon; Mary Jane Dobbs, Shannon; Rev. Paul Harwood, Houlika; Sandra Wilder, Columbus; Beverly Tyler, Columbus; Nancy Griffin, Columbus; Sam Wilder, Columbus; Ellis Kelley, Seminary; C. W. Makamson, Newton; Sylvia Lee, Carriere; Linda Lee, Picayune; James Rester, Picayune; Rev. Morrell Lee, Carriere; Rev. L. K. Turner, Richton; C. T. Turner, Richton; Rev. John R. Cobb, Raymond; and Gerrell G. Pierce, New Orleans, La.

Dr. N. H. Parker, native of Mississippi and graduate of Mississippi College, is now dean of the Divinity School of McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. The McMaster school is Baptist supported.

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Dr. John L. Dodge, pastor of the First Church, Hot Springs, Arkansas, writes that Rev. Thomas D. Hill, now pastor of the Holly Springs Church, Hermitage, Arkansas is soon to enter the New Orleans Seminary and will be available for a pastorage. Mr. Hill is a graduate of Ouachita College and has had several years of experience as a pastor. Some church in need of a pastor would do well to contact Mr. Hill either at Hermitage or at the New Orleans Seminary.

A copy of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Student Handbook has been received in the Baptist Record office. Edited by Ralph D. Churchill, the book contains pictures of the members of the various staffs along with a roster of students by states and countries. Students are also pictured.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.—(BP)—An Institute of Pastoral Care will be conducted in the North Carolina Baptist Hospital here January 26-28. It is being jointly sponsored by the hospital and the Bowman School of Medicine and is open to all pastors everywhere. There is no registration fee. Purpose of the institute is improvement of the minister's hospital and doctor relationships and the improvement of the minister's technique in hospital visitation.

Additional information may be secured from Dr. Richard K. Young, North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

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Shown above is the attractive sign in front of the Spanish Fort Church in Spanish Fort.

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Goss Baptist Church has remodeled the church floor and voted to purchase new church pews to take the place of the old ones. Plans are also made to rearrange the choir loft. The Sunday School rooms have been remodeled so as to add three extra rooms. Rev. W. T. Miller is pastor.

White Bluff Church in Marion County conducted a service Sunday afternoon, Dec. 7, for the purpose of ordaining three deacons, S. F. Branton, Cyrus Speights and Billy Smith. The ordination sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Brown. The charge was given by Rev. Charlie Bryant. The ordination prayer was offered by B. B. Yawn, a deacon at Holly Springs.

Rev. S. W. Cochran of Clinton has accepted the pastorage of the Palestine Church in Simpson county.

An attractively bound copy of the Covington County Association minutes has been received in the Baptist Record office. According to the minutes there were 179 additions by baptisms in the 18 churches listed on the chart at the back of the minutes.

The Ohio Messenger suggests that while considering magazines it would be well to consider those having large circulations which do not accept advertising for beer, wine nor whiskey. They are: THE READER'S DIGEST, which carries no advertising; LADIES' HOME JOURNAL, SATURDAY EVENING POST, BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS, GOOD HOUSEKEEPING, AMERICAN HOME, COUNTRY GENTLEMAN, CAPPEP HOUSEHOLD, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, CAPPER FARMER, PARENTS' MAGAZINE, PATH-FINDER. If enough people who are opposed to liquor advertising would make themselves heard these papers would give great consideration to the matter.

Rev. H. Grady Wilkes has sent the Baptist Record office a copy of the minutes of the Tallahatchie County Association which was held with the Charleston Church. Gleaned from the statistical chart is the figure of 210 by baptism and the fact that all but one church has the Baptist Record in the budget of the church.

Clear Creek Church in Marion association ordained four deacons Sunday morning, Dec. 14. The men ordained were: M. C. Chamberlee, V. F. Davis, S. M. Dunbar and M. A. Pittman. The ordination sermon was preached by Dr. Roy Beaman. The charge was given by Rev. H. W. Dunbar. Rev. J. N. Holloway lead the ordination prayer and presented a book gift, "Honoring the Deaconship," to each of the new deacons.

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Bobby Mario, one of Alabama's star football players and an outstanding player in the Orange Bowl Game on New Year's Day, grew up in the Alabama Baptist children's Home in Troy and is often referred to as "The Pride of Troy." The people of Troy are so proud of the former member of the Baptist Orphanage family in Troy that they will welcome him home on Jan. 10 with a parade and banquet.

"The Bible is a collection of fantastic legends, without any scientific support, full of dark hints, historical mistakes and contradictions," states the blasphemous definition which may be found in the Dictionary of Foreign Words, put out by the State Publishing House in Moscow, Russia.



Auber J. Wilds, of Oxford, (center) retiring State Baptist Training Union secretary after 35 years of service, admires a book of memories from friends and admirers he has just received at the hands of Dr. Chester L. Quarles, of Jackson, State Baptist executive secretary (left) while Kermit S. King, successor to Mr. Wilds, looks on. The presentation was fittingly made at the closing session of the Mississippi Baptist Training Union Convention Tuesday night in Jackson's First Baptist Church. (Photo by Kay Amburgey, courtesy Jackson Daily News).

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James Goes To Alabama

Rev. C. E. James has resigned the pastorage of the Roseland Park Church, Picayune, to accept the pastorage of the Brighton Church in Brighton, Alabama. His resignation is effective January 6.

Mr. James began his work with the Picayune church in September of 1950. Sunday School enrolment has grown from 162 to 314; Training Union from 65 to 141; and there have been 96 additions, 36 by baptism. In 1949 receipts totaled \$4,464, while in 1952 they were approximately \$7,900. The building fund which has recently been started now has a total of \$3,700.

W. G. Stroup Becomes Florida Music Secretary

W. G. Stroup, music and educational director of the First Church of Crystal Springs, has resigned that position to become secretary of the Music Department of the Florida Baptist Convention.

He will succeed Clifford Holcomb who has resigned to become an associate in the music department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Mr. Stroup has done an excellent work at Crystal Springs. He came to Crystal Springs from Decatur, Ga.

He will have headquarters in the Baptist Building, Jacksonville.

Rev. W. R. Cooper Is Isola Homecoming Speaker

On Sunday, Jan. 18, the Isola Church will observe its 4th annual Homecoming Day. The program will begin at 11 o'clock and the sermon will be delivered by the oldest living former pastor, Rev. W. R. Cooper of Jackson.

Lunch will be served in the basement of the church.

At 2 p. m. a Fellowship Hour will be held in the auditorium of the church.

Rev. E. D. Crenshaw is pastor.

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Todd Elected Head Of Jackson Baptist Conf.

At the recent meeting of the Jackson Baptist Pastors' Conference Rev. Wayne Todd, pastor of the Daniel Memorial Church, was elected president.

Officers elected to serve with Mr. Todd are: Oster Daniels, music director, Van Winkle Church, vice president; and Rev. Jack Nazary, pastor of the West Jackson Church, secretary.

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CAMPUSOLOGY

Last report from MSCW's BSU Sec'y Kathryn Jasper lists 17 additions by letter, 90 average in Sunday School, 40 in Training Union, 35 in Y. W. A., 40 in noon-day.

Rainbow South was the study course book recently studied by 47 Woman's College BSUers.

From Delta State, BSU Sec'y James Breland writes of recent events: "Religious Emphasis Week this year . . . was one of the best we have ever had. The B. S. U. shared Thanksgiving with a needy family by taking a large box of groceries to them. . . . The Y. W. A. carried magazines to the county farm and also sent a check to the Baptist Orphanage. . . ."

According to reports, Clarke's recent Mission Emphasis Week, with seven present or former missionaries on program, was a big success.

BSU at Southwest Jr., according to BSU Sec'y Lillian Jones, was asked by school president to sponsor Crippled Children's Drive. The result was the best contribution ever made to this cause. Also Southwest's BSU is talking "Student Center" and has adopted two old ladies who hardly had enough to eat.

Recently, ten have joined Clinton Church from Miss. College. The Y. W. A. there sponsored a Christmas party for approximately 100 children from the Baptist Orphanage with a Christmas tree and gifts for each child. The BSU is rejoicing over its new mission bus. Ole Miss BSU used 39 students in their demonstration Student Night at Christmas program. At the close of the service there was one dedication of life. Oxford, First Church has increased its part in the BSU work for next year.

Jones Junior's BSU Sec'y, Anne

Bailey, writes: "Our Singspirations have served as a spark plug for every phase of our work. It has been valuable in that it has brought the families of the church and the students much closer together. We have been using our Devotional time in Council Meeting for discussion periods. The Council members suggest vital questions and we discuss them with Scripture references. . . . Some of the topics we have discussed are Christian service (full-time), tithing while a student, dancing. . . ."

Peggy Workman, Blue Mtn. senior, presented "The Life of Lotie Moon" in her speech recital. This program came as a climax to the Week of Prayer observance at Blue Mtn.

Perkinson Church recently entertained the Baptist students at the local college with a supper.

BSU Sec'y Frank Horton and BSU President Jean Mills, of Sunflower Jr., et. al., are rejoicing over the results of the recent Youth-led Revival in Moorhead Church.

Also, E. Central Jr. BSUers are elated over the recent meeting in Decatur with our own beloved pastor, Wayne Todd, doing the preaching. Bro. Todd came back to our church more for BSU than ever after seeing what BSU Sec'y Gladys Bryant and her students were doing.

50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

BY REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.
50 YEARS AGO—

The First Church, Jackson, starts out the new year "with all debts paid," the pastor's salary being paid monthly "in advance." The salary was \$1500, and total gifts for 1902 were \$4,777.85. Rev. W. F. Yarborough was the pastor.

Pastor M. K. Thornton of the Baptist Church at Starkville reports a very encouraging report at their first annual business meeting of the new year, with \$1681.12 "expended" for all purposes "outside the pastor's salary." He says "We have a way of holding only two business meetings a year—the first of January and the first of July." The deacons "dispose" of it all in between.

25 YEARS AGO—

Pastor W. E. Hardy and family of Anguilla and Catching: "were stormed with kindness" during the holidays which filled "their hearts with gladness and made them determined to render the largest service."

The Crystal Springs church favored Pastor T. W. Talking-ton and family with a "bunch of chickens, heaps of groceries and new tubes and cord tires for his car at Christmas time."

Correction Made In Baptism Figures

Two or three errors were made in the figures recently released by the Director of Evangelism on the 100 leading churches in the state in baptisms and are gladly corrected:

25th in the list was shown as Concord church in Yazoo County. It should have read Center Ridge, Yazoo County.

Southside and West Jackson in Jackson churches were inadvertently switched. Correctly stated twelfth in the list is Southside and West Jackson is No. 29.

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Murphy Creek Church Ordains Four Deacons

Murphy Creek Church, Winston Association, recently ordained four deacons. They were: Fred Reed, Cecil Crowell, Albert Parks, and Vardaman Palmer.

Rev. N. G. Hickman, Associational Missionary, led in the questioning and brought a charge to the church. Rev. W. O. Presson brought a short message to the deacons' wives; and Rev. H. C. Burns, pastor of the church, delivered the ordination sermon.

There were nine recently baptized into the membership; and plans are under way to enlarge the present educational building.

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MRS. JAS. C. RYAN

God has seen fit to call from our midst Iva Hunter Ryan, beloved wife of Capt. Jas. C. Ryan. She was an active member of the Gleaners Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church of Pascagoula, since it was organized. Therefore, the class which knew her so well, offer the following resolutions:

1. Whereas by her cheerful acceptance of any task assigned her; by her repeated expression of simple faith in Christ; by her works in Christian charity; by her devotion to her church, family and the community in which she lived; that she was an example and inspiration to each one of us.

2. We hereby express our thanks to God for the life and example of this Christian woman and we humbly bow to His will for we know in whom she had put her trust.

3. Be it further resolved that we direct a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the class, a copy to be given to the family and another copy sent to the Baptist Record for publication.

Adopted in regular class meeting December 16, 1952.

EUNICE J. COFFEY.

MRS. J. J. FLOCK, Sec.

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The Baptist Record office is in receipt of a copy of the Hinds County Association minutes. The next session will be held with the Clinton Church on Oct. 22 and 23. Rev. W. L. Compere will be the preacher.

New Orleans Seminary Receives Good News

President Roland Q. Leavell returned to the New Orleans Seminary from the SBC Executive Committee meeting with news that funds had been allocated to pay for the minimum of twelve buildings the seminary must complete before the school can open on the new campus in September, 1953.

All are complete or under way. Dr. Leavell called on all present in chapel to support the Cooperative Program wherever they go. "We especially appreciate it here," he said, "since without it the seminary would have to charge each student for tuition running over \$400.00 a year."

Miss Helen Falls, the dean of women, announced that the Seminary's Little Moon Christmas offering stood at \$1105.00, with more coming in.

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REV. HENRY W. SHIRLEY

WHEREAS, God, in his infinite wisdom, has seen fit to terminate the earthly labors of our beloved pastor and friend, Rev. Henry W. Shirley, who departed this life on October 16, 1952, and

WHEREAS, his entire adult life was spent in preparation for and in preaching the gospel of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, and

WHEREAS, during his ministry of 45 years he held pastorates in Mississippi, Oklahoma and Texas his last one at Carthage, Mississippi;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That as a slight token of our love for him and our appreciation of his devoted and unselfish service to his master and to his fellow man a suitable memorial service be held at the Carthage Baptist Church on Sunday, December 14, 1952, to commemorate the memory of this faithful servant of God.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who knoweth no wrong and who doeth all things well, knowing that "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we extend to his family our sincere sympathy and pray God's richest blessings upon them.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the family, a copy be spread on the minutes of this church and copies be furnished The Carthaginian, The Neshoba Democrat, Hattiesburg American and the Baptist Record for publication.

Respectfully submitted,
M. M. KEITH.

Rev. Percy Magee has accepted the pastorate of the Mt. Zion Church in Walthall County. He was formerly pastor of the Agricola Church in George County.

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Phil Walker Accepts Carriere Pastorate

Rev. Phil Walker, supt. of missions for the Pearl River Association, has resigned that position to accept the pastorate of the church at Carriere.

The Rev. Mr. Walker will succeed Rev. C. G. Wells who resigned to accept the Heidelberg pastorate.

He began his new duties Jan. 1.

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CONSTRUCTION BEGUN ON ELLISVILLE CHURCH

On January 1 construction was begun on a new \$150,000 church at Ellisville.

The structure, a one-story, brick and masonry building, will house a Sunday school department of 49 rooms, a nursery, kitchenette, rest rooms and reception rooms. The church building will include an auditorium seating 320 people, and a balcony with 120 additional seats. It will also have a general office, library, pastor's study, rest rooms and kitchen.

Members of the First Baptist church building committee are the Rev. John Oakes, pastor; M. P. Carter, Dr. C. S. Williams, Jack Myers, Lee Sumrall, Mrs. Arnold Black and Mrs. John H. Shows.

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Sunday School Lesson

CONFESSING AND FOLLOWING CHRIST

By Dr. Clifton J. Allen
FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 11
Text: Matthew 16

Anticipating his certain death on the cross less than a year hence, Jesus devoted himself primarily to the instruction of his disciples. On a brief visit to Galilee, he declared to the Pharisees and Sadducees that no sign would be given to them except the sign of Jonah, meaning the sign of his resurrection. Withdrawing to the north, he warned the disciples against the false and corrupting teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees. He elicited from the disciples the great confession that he was the Messiah, began to teach them about his crucifixion and resurrection, and spoke to a larger group about the cost of discipleship and his coming again. This chapter declares the facts of Jesus' divine nature, atoning death, resurrection, and triumphant return.

FAITH DECLARED

All along Jesus had tried to lead the disciples to a true understanding as to who he was. The people had a variety of opinions: John the Baptist risen from the dead, Elijah, Jeremiah, or some other prophet. The real concern of Jesus was the disciples' opinion: "But whom say ye that I am?" The question was addressed to all, the "ye" in the Greek being emphatic. Simon Peter voiced the faith of the group: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Something about his perfect character, his insight into life, his power over men and disease and nature, and his dynamic presence had convinced them that he was the Messiah sent from God.

The heart of Jesus surely rejoiced. He spoke directly to Peter, perhaps because he understood Peter's peculiar need for both humility and encouragement and because he was anticipating Peter's influence during the early years of the Christian era. Peter's faith, at that of all others, was a gift of divine grace.

Then followed wonderful words from Christ with reference to his church. Upon this kind of faith, on the part of Peter, the other apostles, and people down the centuries, Christ would build his church. And out of people, with faith which comes as a gift of divine grace, Christ would build his church. To Christians Christ gives the key of his kingdom. They have a divine mission to proclaim the truth of the gospel. The response of men, whether accepting the gospel in repentance or rejecting it in unbelief, will stand confirmed in heaven.

THE CROSS FORETOLD

From that time Jesus began to declare openly to his disciples the facts about his approaching death. This marked a new epoch in his ministry. His death would not be an inescapable tragedy; it was a divine necessity which Jesus came to the earth to consummate.

Simon Peter could not bear the thought. With rash impulsiveness

C. A. Smith Ordained By County Line Church



REV. C. A. SMITH, JR.

Rev. C. A. Smith, Jr., was recently ordained to the Gospel ministry by the County Line Church, Dossville.

Rev. Kenneth Hall, recent missionary of Attala County, preached the sermon with the following pastors taking part:

Rev. B. E. Padgett of Kosciusko, Rev. A. G. Smith of Ethel, Rev. Homer V. Shumaker, and Rev. A. B. Pierce of Kosciusko.

Pastors and deacons assisting in the laying-on of hands were seventeen in number.

The Rev. Mr. Smith has been pastor of the County Line Church since October of 1952.

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For the third successive year Dr. W. A. Sullivan is on the program of the Mid-Winter Bible Conference at Piedmont Bible School, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Evidently the program makers believe in using a good man, and how! In the mornings and afternoons Dr. Sullivan will teach Paul's letter to the Philippians. In the evening he is scheduled to deliver addresses on the great doctrines of our faith.

he protested. With stern severity Jesus turned and rebuked Peter. He had become a real stumbling block. He was actually playing the part of Satan, for he was trying to turn Jesus away from his purpose to give his life for the sins of men.

DISCIPLESHIP INTERPRETED

Jesus called the multitude to him with the disciples and declared sublime words about Christian discipleship. There must be self-denial, a cross, and continuous devotion in following Jesus. To deny oneself means the renunciation of self, putting self in complete subservience to the will of Christ. To take up a cross means vastly more than bearing some trial or affliction or enduring hardship or misfortune. The disciple must give himself to the purposes of Christ with a willingness if need be to die for them. Having done this, one is to keep on following Jesus. The cost was high, but Jesus was making clear that faith should issue in faithfulness. Giving one's life is the only way to save it. Self-sacrifice is the way to self-realization.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young
Clinton, Miss.

CALLED AND ACCEPTED:

L. D. Tinsley, Scranton and Hebron, Southeast Association, S. C. from Bethel.

E. J. Phares, First, Princeton, La.

Charles Thornton, Twin Bridges Mission of Emmanuel, Alexandria, La.

R. A. Wiley, Cherry Ridge Ch., Bastrop, La. from Glenmar.

Harold Davis, Trinity, near Pineville, La. from New Prospect.

Enon Bayette, Beouff, near Rayville, La., from Central, Wisner, La.

Grady E. Estus, Calvary, Klath Falls, Oregon from Rosepine, La.

Herman W. Cobb, First, Elizabethton, Tenn., Fairfield, Ala.

J. R. Jenkins, Immanuel, Metropolis, Ill., Beaucamp Church, Pickneyville, Ill.

Wilber L. Borom, Eau Claire Church, Columbia, S. C. from 1st, Alexander City, Ala.

Homer G. Lindsey, Jr., North West, Miami, Fla.

A. B. Hatfield, Alpharetta, Ga. from Moss Bluff, Lake Charles, La.

G. Merrill Meadows, Orchard Knob, Atlanta, Ga., from Sandersville, Ga.

Paul Weber, Jr., First, Salem, Mo., from Trinity, Paducah, Ky.

Fred Crigler, Mt. Nebo, Mo. from First, Walker, Mo.

Paul Brooks Leath, First, Brownwood, Texas from First, Thomasville, Ga.

Gerald T. Smith, First, Stuttgart, Ark. from Norcross, Ga.

L. B. Cranford, Fairview Shores, Fla. from First, Okaloosa, Fla.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

SOUTHWIDE MUSIC PLANNING MEETING REVIEWED

The Southwide Church Music Planning Meeting held in Nashville, Tennessee, Dec. 15-17, was a very interesting meeting, and the following suggestions give a brief out-look for our music work for 1953. Our program of music has advanced to the point that revision on "Practical Music Lessons", "Vocal Approach", and "Gospel Song and Hymn Playing", will be made. Several new books will appear on our course of study within the next two years.

A goal of 50,000 subscribers for 1954 to the "Church Musician" was adopted. The matter of a standard of excellence was discussed for our music work. Plans for our new Assembly at Glorieta for music week were made. "Music and the Scriptures" will be revised. "Growing a Musical Church" will be revised. The choir Clinic Manual will be an annual supplement.

All the states adopted goals for study course awards for 1953. The goal for Mississippi is 1700. This goal does not include the children's awards which are issued directly from the State Office. Since the state directors cannot be in all the churches for the study courses, special emphasis will be placed upon churches holding local schools of music, using local talent. Requests for award blanks may be secured by writing the Church Music Department in Jackson. Special stress will be placed in 1953 on the "Hymn of the Month". A list of the "Hymn

of the Month" may be secured from the Music Department. Our pamphlet series will be increased listing such pamphlets as Church Music Library, Celestial Choir, and Concord Choir.

The Sunday School Board will pay 1 1/2 cents per mile, plus \$10 on expenses for each elected associational director who will bring three additional people with him to Ridgecrest, or Glorieta. The Sunday School Board will help the various states in financing the Associational Directors Planning Meeting. This meetings will be held in Mississippi, February 23rd Baptist Building, Jackson. Other items of interest regarding our work will appear in this column from time to time.

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GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

Edna Is No. 1046

According to Rev. Howard Scarbrough, pastor of Edna Church in Marion County "I feel sure that if any church without the Record would try the free plan they would adopt it." That is exactly what Edna did. Pastor Scarbrough sent in a list of the families of his church, they received the Record on trial for a few weeks, and as the usual result, they adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Marion County now has Record readers listed as follows: Antioch 6, BUNKER HILL 118, CALVARY 52, CLEAR CREEK 48, CEDAR GROVE 53, COLUMBIA 165, EAST COLUMBIA 60, EDNA 32, FOXWORTH 119, GOSS 53, HOLLY SPRINGS 40, Hub 1, HURRICANE CREEK 68, IMPROVE 92, KOKOMO 68, NEW HOPE 51, NORTH COLUMBIA 47, PINE BUR 21, SANDY HOOK 29, SHILOH 31, Spring Cottage 16, and White Bluff 15.

Pastor Hull Approves Promotion Plan

Rev. W. M. Hull of Winona is a long time friend of the Baptist Record. He found that New Bethel Church, Carroll County, of which he is pastor, did not have the EVERY FAMILY Plan and sent in a promotion list to whom the Record was sent on trial for a few weeks it worked.

A letter from him stated, "Yesterday we voted to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan to have the Record sent to all the families of New Bethel Church. Thanks very much for the Record on the Promotion Plan."

Record readers in Carroll County are now listed as follows: Calvary 11, CARROLLTON 25, Colla 1, Harmony 14, Leflore 1, Liberty 8, McCarley 18, Mt. Olive 3, Mt. Pisgah 7, NEW BETHEL 27, New Jerusalem 1, New Salem 5, NORTH CARROLLTON 44, Old Plank 1, Providence 9, VAIDEN 49, and Black Hawk 1.

Big Creek Is No 1047

Big Creek church in Wayne County is one of the latest additions to the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.

The church secretary, Mrs. Roy Walker, recently sent a list of 45 names with instructions to start the Record. The list even includes two members who are in the service in Korea.

Record readers in Wayne County are listed as follows: CALVARY 90, BIG CREEK 45, BUCATUNNA 36, CLARA 43, Clear Creek 6, Coyt 6, EVERGREEN 42, MT. ZION REST 22, and Yellow Creek LINE 49, Waynesboro, First 9, ZION REST 22, and Yellow Creek 10.

Pelahatchie

While the church at Pelahatchie was seeking a pastor we had the privilege of supplying for them. There were two good audiences and the people were in fine spirits.

With a good group of leaders the church is carrying on and an out-

W. Doyle Combs
Zion Hill Pastor

REV. DOYLE COMBS

Rev. Doyle Combs, formerly of Fredericktown, Mo., has assumed his duties as pastor of Zion Hill Church, Route 2, Hattiesburg.

The Rev. Mr. Combs was graduated from New Orleans Seminary in May, 1952. Before being called to Zion Hill he served as supply pastor of one of the Louisville churches.

Rev. and Mrs. Combs were honored recently at a reception and shower by the Y. W. A. members at the parsonage.

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Shown in the picture is William Eugene "Bill" Mitchell, who has recently been licensed to the full Gospel Ministry by First Church, Poplarville, Rev. Clyde Gordon, pastor. "Bill" is an outstanding student as well as athlete.

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A copy of the Lincoln County Association minutes has been received in the Baptist Record office. The next session will be held with the First Church, Brookhaven, October 22 and 23. The summary chart shows that there were 305 baptisms recorded during 1952 in the 33 churches listed.

Record readers in Rankin County are now listed as follows: ANTIOCH 39; BETHEL 49; BRANDON 129; BRIAR HILL 51; CATO 42; CLEAR BRANCH 53; CONCORD 32; COUNTY LINE 33; EAST SIDE 53; FANNIN 17; HICKORY RIDGE 36; JOHNS 31; LEESBURG 72; LIBERTY 33; CROSS ROADS 41; MOUNTAIN CREEK 30; MT. PISGAH 45; OAKDALE 57; PAUL TRUITT MEMORIAL 36; PEARL CITY 41; PEARSON 37; PELAHATCHIE 73; PUCKETT 44; REHOBETH 36; RICHLAND 35; ROCK BLUFF 26; Rock Hill 18; STAR 52; STEENS CREEK 135; UNION 43; and VALUE 25.

SB Theological Seminary
Faculty Makes Statement

In view of the widespread interest in the new translation of the Bible, the Revised Standard Version, and the many inquiries being received the faculty of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary desires to make the following statement:

As a significant chapter in the history of Bible translation we welcome the publication of the Revised Standard Version. Since Wycliffe's Bible, English translations have moved steadily toward a more accurate and understandable presentation of the meaning of the original scriptures. For more than three hundred years the King James Version has been the most popular translation. From the first it enjoyed the prestige of having been authorized by King James I and appointed to be read in the services of the Church of England. Its superiority to other translations, being the work of renowned scholars, also commended it. It had the further merit of being in the choicest English style. It superseded other versions and became so universally used and revered that in time the popular mind came to resist any further effort at translation as an interference with something sacred.

Since 1911, however, two things have been happening that have laid upon Christian scholars a moral obligation to make new translations. The first is the constant change in the English language, both in word meaning and in style. The second is the discovery of biblical manuscripts written much nearer the dates of the original writings. Also, the discovery of other literature in Greek has added to our knowledge of the language of the New Testament. Those who desire as accurate a knowledge as possible of what the original Scriptures said will welcome a new translation, for our first devotion is to the original Scriptures, not to any particular version.

The English Revised Version (1885) and the American Standard Version (1901) embody many results of the new knowledge. However, the Revised Standard Version, coming fifty years later, represents significant additions even to the materials available at the beginning of the century. It ought to be received as a serious undertaking of devout and noted American Christian scholars to give us a translation that will be at once more accurate and in more understandable English than previously produced. This we believe the translators have done. This is not to say that the translation is perfect nor that the need for another will not arise but, rather, that we have here the fruit of expert knowledge of the Greek and Hebrew sustained by sincere Christian faith and purpose. We believe that the Revised Standard Version is an invaluable contribution to the understanding of the Bible, and that its value will be established as we read it and compare it with other versions. We commend it to all Bible readers.

Adopted December 12, 1952.

BEN BORDERS GOES TO
FLORIDA PASTORATE

Ben Borders, pastor of the Ruth Church for the past two years, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Church, Branford, Florida. He will preach for the last time at Ruth on Sunday, Jan. 18, and start his new work in Florida on Sunday, Jan. 25.

During his ministry at Ruth there were 58 additions to the church, 25 by baptism.

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The Abiding Challenge

(A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM THE BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE)

From the President and Secretaries of the Baptist World Alliance to our Baptist churches throughout the world: Greetings in the name of our Lord and Master:

During recent months it has been our privilege to visit widely separated areas of our far-flung Baptist constituency — the President in Europe, South and Central America and the United States, the General Secretary in Australia and the East, the Youth Secretary in South America and Europe. Everywhere we have been heartened by the warmth of the welcome we received and by the manifest tokens of God's blessing on the work of our churches. It is abundantly clear that the policy we have adopted, both on the home and foreign fields, of basing the witness of churches, Sunday schools, clinics and hospitals on the evangelical faith of the New Testament, with the Christ of the Cross and the Easter Victory in the center, has been greatly used by God for the furtherance of His Kingdom.

Yet we dare not rest in any pride or satisfaction. Constantly, as we have seen the need for evangelism, there has come to us the word of the Lord to Joshua "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." Who can doubt it? Our world has not yet learned how to live in friendliness and co-operation; even where there is worship it is often the worship of false gods; materialism and secularism still dominate large areas of the world; poverty and illiteracy hang like a dark cloud over millions for whom Christ died. The great commission with which the Gospel of Matthew closes is as urgent today as ever it was.

Baptists speak in more than 50 languages but their message is the one Word of salvation. They are separated by oceans and continents but they are linked by the ties of common loyalty to the faith of the New Testament. We cannot all meet each other, but we can all be linked by prayer. May 1953 find us more than ever a praying and a dedicated people whose reliance is not on man nor the power of man but on the Spirit of God.

F. Townley Lord, President
Arnold T. Ohrn, General Secty.
Walter O. Lewis, Associate Secty
Joel Sorenson, Youth Secretary

GIVE to your
American Bible Society
Offering January 25

Mrs. Thompson Geo. W. Smith

Shown above are two Mississippi Baptists who expect to be graduated from the New Orleans Seminary in January. They are: Mrs. Dan Thompson, Bassfield, who will receive the Certificate in Christian Training and Rev. George W. Smith, Lena, who will receive the Bachelor of Divinity Degree. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and has been serving as pastor at Lena.

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MISS FAYE EDMONDSON

Pictured above is Miss Faye Edmondson who was recently presented an award for four years of perfect attendance at Sunday School by the Edwards Church. At the same time she was given a Bible. The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Edmondson she is also the church pianist and organist and a member of the Training Union and president of the Intermediate G. A.'s.

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MISS BELL STIGLER

Miss Bell Stigler, beloved member of First Baptist church, died December 25, at her home in Lexington. Miss "Bell", as she was affectionately called, was born at Lexington, August 30, 1873.

She served more than fifty years in the Primary department of the Sunday School in the Lexington church and was active in that department at the time of her death.

Miss Bell was faithful, too, in the Woman's Missionary Union. Year before last she resigned as Stewardship chairman of Holmes association, after serving for thirty-five years. At the time of her death, she was stewardship chairman of her local society and had served in that office more than 35 years. Among her many scrapbooks was found a W. M. U. study course award which she had earned in 1925.

Her brothers and sisters in the Baptist church at Lexington and the women of the W. M. U. of Holmes Co. will long remember Miss Bell for her devotion to her Lord and His church.

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